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Update to member policies on extraterritorial
offices of exchange (ETOEes)

Dear Sir/Madam

Pursuant to International Bureau Circulars 121 of 28 March 2005 and 154 of 9 May 2005, I am pleased to provide updated information on UPU member policies concerning extraterritorial offices of exchange (ETOEes).

As mentioned in the previous circulars, member countries are invited to send additions or changes to the current information to the International Bureau. Any new responses or changes will be published periodically in future circulars. In addition, a document comprising all responses has been published on the website and will be regularly updated:

<http://www.upu.int/etoe/fr/index.shtml> (French)

<http://www.upu.int/etoe/en/index.shtml> (English)

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Yours faithfully,

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Responses to circular letter 2102(DER.PAR)1473 of 29 November 2004 – Update 2
Questionnaire concerning the national legislation or policy of UPU member countries on ETOEs

Question Country (Organization)	1 Does your country agree to the application of the UPU Acts in respect of items received from ETOEs	2 Does your country's legislation or national policy authorize the establishment of ETOEs on your country's territory	2.1 If so, does your country's legislation or national policy authorize the use of UPU documentation for ETOE operations relating to outward mails?	2.2 Contact to obtain agreement to establish an ETOE	Contact for more information on national policy
Grenada (Grenada Postal Corporation)	Yes	No	N/A		Director of Posts Grenada Postal Corporation ST. GEORGE'S GRENADA
Honduras (Rep.) (Empresa de Correos de)	Has no policy on ETOEs				
Malawi (Malawi Posts Corporation)	No	No	N/A		Ministry of Information and Tourism Private Bag 326 Capital City LILONGWE 3 MALAWI
United States of America (IO/T Bureau of International Organization Affairs US Department of State)	No In late 2001, the United States of America adopted a policy in respect of the acceptance of inbound items tendered by ETOEs located in other countries. In accordance with this policy, ETOEs should be treated in the same manner as other private companies with which they compete, and ETOE items destined for the United States of America cannot be accepted by the USPS on the basis of UPU documentation and for compensation at UPU terminal dues rates. The USPS will deliver inbound items from an ETOE under domestic rates, terms and conditions, and upon payment of domestic postage rates. The USA issued UPU Circular 127 dated 11 April 2005, which advised that, effective 1 May 2005, USPS offices of exchange will refuse to accept dispatches of ETOEs on the basis of UPU documentation. Airlines, ground handling and transportation companies have been advised separately that the USPS will not accept ETOE dispatches at inward offices of exchange	There is no legislation specifically addressing ETOEs. In accordance with US policy, ETOEs are strictly commercial entities that should not be able to access postal networks under the terms of the UPU Acts since they are not treaty-based services fulfilling a country's obligations under the UPU Acts. Currently, US policy neither explicitly authorizes nor prohibits the establishment of ETOEs in the USA. ETOEs that operate in the USA should, however, operate under the same terms as any other commercial operator and should provide the appropriate information as requested in 2.2	It is the policy of the United States Government that the UPU Acts do not apply to ETOE commercial operations in the USA, and that, accordingly, ETOEs are not authorized to use UPU documentation. According to this policy, an entity other than the USPS should not export mail matter from the USA to other countries using UPU documentation or USPS equipment or customs forms	Existing ETOE operators and those public or private operators that intend to establish ETOE operations in the USA are expected to provide the full name of the operator, street address, telephone, fax and e-mail of the person or persons responsible for the ETOE operations in the USA to the following contacts: 1 U.S. Department of State Mr. Dennis Delehanty Director for Postal Affairs Office of Technical Specialized Agencies (IO/T) Bureau of International Organization Affairs Room 5333 U.S. Department of State WASHINGTON DC 20520-6319, USA Tel: (+1 202) 647-4197 Fax: (+1 202) 647-8902 E-mail: delehantydm@state.gov 2 United States Postal Service Mr. Bruce Marsh USPS International Postal Affairs 1735 N. Lynn Street, Suite 6043 Arlington, VA 22209, USA Tel: (+1 703) 292-3570 Fax: (+1 703) 292-4030 E-mail: bruce.r.marsh@usps.gov	